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WINTER POLITICAL NOTES

THINGS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARTIES.

Republican Executive Committee Meets.—The Third Ward Democrats—An Executive Committee Appointed—Prohibitory to Meet.

Due to the warm weather very little has been done by Bloomfield's politicians, but an occasional committee meeting has taken place when the campaign opens and it promises an opportunity for a display of the "hustling" qualities of the leaders.

Last Tuesday evening a meeting of the Republican Executive Committee was held at the rooms of the Young Men's Republican Club on Glenwood Avenue. Steps were taken to perfect organization and lay out the work for the coming campaign.

Frank G. Tower, Democratic Chairman of the Third Ward, has appointed the following as members of the Third Ward Executive Committee: J. H. Burkhalter, A. S. Niven, Morris Van Vleet, D. J. Brady, Francis Law, Jos. D. Gallagher, Charles Durning, F. J. Quinn, Marius G. Johnson, J. Mc. Unangst, James Muir, Francis Burdette, L. H. Benedict, Jos. E. Bernard Higgins, M. N. Higgins, Thomas Flannery, Edwin A. Rayner, Thomas W. Higgs, M. J. O'Brien. A meeting of this Committee was held last evening in the rooms of the Cleveland and Stevenson Campaign Club on Broad Street, when organization was perfected and sub-committees were appointed.

It is still just now in almost every newspaper writers are endeavoring to stir up a little interest in political matters. It is too hot, however, to get much interest in the subject, says the *Orange Journal*, "although a little wire-pulling is going on to secure nominations by this, that and the other Republican or Democrat who is willing to serve his country and party. Considerable canvassing has been carried on for a long time for the County Clerk nomination in both parties. On the Republican side John Medcraft of Clinton and Captain Gifford of Newark are decidedly in the lead. Mr. Medcraft is very popular throughout the county and especially in the townships, where he will receive a large vote. On the Democratic side Superintendent of Police Brown of Newark appears to be in the lead. Alderman Seymour of Orange may be regarded as a formidable candidate because the leaves begin to fall. For the congressional nomination in the Fourth District, which embraces Hunterdon, Warren, Sussex, Morris, and the townships of Essex County, except Clinton, a half-dozen Democrats are in the contest. Edward A. Rayner of Bloomfield, a popular young lawyer, will have hearty support in the township, and pretty good backing in Newark as well."

A most important meeting of the Prohibitionist County Committee will be held on next Monday evening at 481 Broad Street, Newark, at 8 o'clock sharp. Every member of the Committee is requested to be on hand, except the cost of sacrifice. Arrangements will be made for the County Convention to elect delegates to the State Convention, to be held at Trenton, August 9, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor.

Edwin A. Rayner and Leonard Kalisch have been reappointed as Democratic members of the County Board of Registration and Election. The Hon. Edward W. Jackson and William R. Williams are the Republican members.

The New York World and the Newark Evening News have announced Town Committee member Edwin A. Rayner as a possible Democratic nominee for Congress from this district next fall.

A recent auction sale in this town of Thomas J. Flannery, the expressman, brought a large quantity of candy and cigarettes in among a throng of children. It was a feast for the boys, and Mr. Flannery went off as happy as though from Cleveland had been elected.

The postal delivery is of no particular interest to Democrats in this town at present. They are glad of an excuse to walk to the Post Office several times in the course of a day now that they may be up at the Democratic banner.

The political millennium is evidently approaching. A temperance society and a Prohibitionist club occupy the same headquarters in this town.

Bloomfield's Model Schoolhouse.—Dr. Van, County Superintendent of Public Schools, says that in the New York State educational exhibit at the World's Fair in Chicago there will be a number of photographs of schoolhouses in this State. Berkeley school in this town is one of those selected to be photographed for the exhibit. The County Superintendent regards the Berkeley building as a model schoolhouse.

Happy and content is a home with "The Rochester," a lamp with the light of the morning, and a Rochester Lamp Co., 42 Park Place, N. Y.

The Excursion to Iona Island.

August 9, the date fixed for the annual excursion of the Essex Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, is drawing very near. Should the weather prove favorable it is very likely that the people of the town will see a repetition of the scene of September 7 of last year, when the Company ran its mammoth excursion to Lake Hopatcong. It is possible that a larger number may go with the firemen this year, for a great many people prefer a sail to a long ride on a railway.

In selecting Iona Island on the Hudson River the Company has acted very judiciously. While many residents of the town are doubtless familiar with the beautiful scenery of America's most famous river, it never grows wearisome and tourists never tire in their admiration of it. Iona Island is located on the west side of the river in the heart of the Highlands, about four miles from Peekskill, where the New York State militia is in camp. There is a ferry connection between the Island and Peekskill, and for a small charge excursionists can go across the river to the camp. It is about seven miles south of West Point. The Island is under the control of the Meyers Excursion Company, and no other excursions will be allowed to land there on that day. It is fitted up with every convenience for the pleasure and comfort of excursion parties. There is a large hotel and a dancing pavilion. There are also tables and benches for basket-lunches, boat-swings, and a merry-go-round for children, boating and fishing, and secluded nooks for bathing.

There is no doubt but the excursion will be an enjoyable one. The historical associations of the Hudson are such that to the reflecting mind it is a source of pleasure. Tarrytown, Nyack, Tappan, and Haverstraw recall the memorable events in connection with the treason of Arnold and the capture of Andre. Wolfert's Roost has immortalized the Tappan Zee, the "great Mediterranean of America." Stony Point, the south gate of the Highlands, where a chain blockade was stretched across the river during the days of the Revolution, and many other incidents of a historical character that add interest to the Hudson might be enumerated. Some modern features that interest the tourist to be noted along the river are, Grant's Tomb at Riverside Park, the residence of the famous millionaire, Jay Gould at Irvington, and the West Shore Railroad tunnel at Haverstraw.

Less contemplative minds require more active enjoyment than is afforded by delightful sailing amid beautiful scenery, and to meet the desires of this class the Company have provided for dancing on board of the boat, and Prof. William Maier's orchestra will furnish music for that purpose. This will be an attractive feature of the excursion to many of the young people, as well as some of the more staid ones who occasionally indulge an opportunity to trip the light fantastic.

Firemen like militiamen are invariably good dancers and go through the evolutions of the waltz and quadrille with a gracefulness and ease that is worth the price of a ticket to behold.

The excursion will leave at 8:28 A. M. by special trains on the New York and Greenwood Lake Railroad. These trains will stop at all intervening stations between Bloomfield and Arlington. At the Erie dock in Jersey City the excursionists will embark on the three-decked iron steamer *Tolchester*, one of the popular Hudson River boats belonging to the Meyers Excursion Company. This boat has a government permit to carry 1,600. The destination will be reached about 12:30. While refreshments will be sold on the boat no intoxicating liquor will be allowed. The excursion will be under the management of a committee of members of Essex Truck Company, consisting of E. D. Ackerman, Chairman; William U. Oakes, Charles H. Johnson; and William H. Linder. Many of the store clerks and other employees of the business men in the town are anxious to go on the excursion, and an effort is being made to have the 9th of August made the date for business men's holiday. Some of the business men have already pronounced in favor of it.

Called Out by a Chimney Fire.

A chimney fire in the house on Glenwood Avenue occupied by Lawrence Waskiewicz, and owned by John Hance, called the department out at ten o'clock on Tuesday night. Box 67, the one from which the alarm should have been sounded, was not in working order, so it was rung from box 36. In going to the fire one of the ladders on the truck struck a carriage owned by R. N. Dodd and damaged it slightly. The flames were put out with extinguishers.

Rowing Scores.

Following are the best bowling scores made at the Olympic during the past week: Mrs. Frank G. Tower 204, Frank G. Tower 198, Frank Van Auker 189, L. Coyle 175, Mrs. A. A. Pearce 131.

How Beach Street Came to Go Through the Park.

It has been a source of wonderment to many how Beach Street was ever extended across the Park. "Uncle" William Cadmus, who is undoubtedly one of the best posted men on affairs of the past, but who claims to have been recently ungraciously shelved by the politicians, furnishes the following explanation of the circumstance: Caleb Davis, Mr. Cadmus says, who owned the property at the north-east end of the Park, had a right of way across the Common to Broad Street. Mr. Davis's road ran in a southwesterly direction from his house and opened on Broad Street opposite the Park M. E. Church. Mr. Davis's right of way could not be closed, and there was a danger that the lane across the Park might become a permanent disfigurement, and to prevent such a thing it was deemed prudent to extend Beach Street to Broad.

Helping John Stydecker's Family.

Overseer of the Poor C. L. Voorhees was asked about the condition of the family of John Stydecker, whose destitute condition was made known by an "East Orange Neighbor" in *THE CITIZEN* last week. Mr. Voorhees says the family have been helped financially by the town steadily since last March. They have been getting \$2 per week and their weekly stipend has lately been increased to \$2.50. While this sum may not be sufficient for the entire support of the family, it is an indication that Bloomfield is not neglectful of its poor.

Will Protest Against Narrowing the Street.

The people of Fairview will not allow Newark Avenue, now one hundred feet wide, to be narrowed down to sixty-six feet, as proposed by the Town Committee, without a most vigorous protest. A paper has been circulated protesting against any such action, and will be presented to the Committee at the proper time. The people of Fairview maintain that their street was laid out under an act of the Legislature, and that the Surveyors of Highways have no right on the street.

Bloomfielders Abroad.

A letter has been received by *THE CITIZEN* from a party of Bloomfielders who are travelling in Europe, in which they wish to be remembered to all inquiring friends. A party, consisting of eighteen passengers on the steamer *Normania*, which arrived at Hamburg on June 24, made an excursion to Lankens, a famous watering-place near Hamburg, before they separated for their respective destinations. Included in the party were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Scherff and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lindenmeyer and family of Bloomfield.

The Bloomfield Cyclers.

Next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock a meeting of wheelmen will be held at the belt factory of James Crisp & Co., No. 463 Bloomfield Avenue, when a reorganization of the "Bloomfield Cyclers" will take place. All local wheelmen are invited to be present and join the reorganization.

This afternoon the Bloomfield wheelmen will make a run to Plainfield, leaving the Centre at 1:30 o'clock. All cyclists are invited to accompany them.

The Methodist Picnic.

Members of the Park M. E. Church Sunday-school had a very delightful outing at Verona Lake on Wednesday. Six large stages conveyed the happy little ones and their teachers and friends from this place to the lake, where boating, fishing, bathing and other amusements were indulged in, followed by refreshments in the shape of sandwiches, lemonade, ice cream and cake. They arrived home late in the afternoon, tired but happy.

A Sermon to Wheelmen.

"The plea for Sabbath Recreation Accepted and Some Logical Deductions Drawn From It" will be the topic of the Rev. Elbert Clement's discourse next Sunday evening. Wheelmen who have imagined that Mr. Clement has unjustly criticised them, and who have set up the plea of necessity for Sabbath recreation in defence, will be pleased to know that their plea has been accepted.

Prevented an Improvement.

The action of the property-owners on Liberty Street in refusing to consent to the cutting-down of that street in the opinion of many people of the town was unwise, as it deprives the street of the opportunity to be improved in a manner that would be beneficial and permanent. The cutting-down of the street would also have conferred a lasting benefit on the adjacent territory.

Life in Brookdale.

Brookdale people are having a number of amusements lately. An organ-grinder with a monkey, a fiddler who plays as he walks, and once in a while a drove of cows belonging to a farmer will break down a fence and make sad havoc in the corn-fields. These are great days in Brookdale.

OBITUARY.

George W. Bungay.

George W. Bungay, the well-known writer and lecturer, died at the residence of his son, John G. Bungay, on Midland Avenue, last Sunday evening.

Mr. Bungay was born in Walsingham, England, in 1818, and came to this country at an early age. He was an entirely self-made man, having received only a common-school education. His life was devoted to literary work, and he was a large contributor to the secular and religious press of the country. For a number of years, during Horace Greeley's time, he was employed as a writer on the *New York Tribune*. Mr. Bungay numbered among his personal friends such men as Wendell Phillips, William Cullen Bryant, Horace Greeley, Charles Sumner, John G. Whittier, and others equally celebrated; and it was through the influence of Charles Sumner that he was appointed a storekeeper in the Public Stores, New York, which position he retained until 1882.

Mr. Bungay was a member of the Presbyterian Church and an ardent advocate of temperance, and lectured in all the principal cities of the country on that and other subjects, such as "Wit and Humor," "Comic Side of Life," etc. In politics he was a Republican, and was an effective speaker for that party. He was a strong abolitionist, and it has been said of him that, while so many others who had hoped and worked for the emancipation of the slave had died without having their dreams realized, he had the satisfaction of living to see slavery abolished and the country reunited.

The best known of his published books are "The Poets of Elizabeth's Time," "Offhand Takings," and "Crayon Sketches." He also wrote many poems, and shortly before his death a beautiful little poem written by him appeared in the *Christian Intelligencer*. Several of his poems have been used in school readers, the most popular one being "The Creed of the Bells."

While living in Brooklyn in November, 1889, Mr. Bungay had a stroke of paralysis, and soon afterwards removed to Bloomfield. About two years ago he suffered another stroke, and it was not thought possible at the time that he could recover.

The funeral services were held at the residence of Mr. Bungay's son on Tuesday afternoon, and were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Paull, who spoke beautifully of the useful life Mr. Bungay had led, of his accomplishments, and of his connection with many of the principal events of the country's history during the past forty or fifty years. The interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Fighting Prairie Fires.

The regular monthly meeting of the Truck Company was held at their house on Tuesday evening. The resignation of W. B. Dodd from active membership was received and accepted and his name placed on the honorary roll. An invitation from the Rev. Dr. Ballantine to attend divine service at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening was received. The active and honorary members will meet at the Truck house at seven o'clock sharp. Active members will wear fatigue caps.

Paul Brown of Kansas, a nephew of the Rev. H. W. Ballantine, was present at the meeting and gave a vivid description of how prairie fires were fought in the far West. C. E. F. Davis of Orrville, O., a former member of Essex, was warmly received and returned his thanks in a brief speech.

The Rev. John H. Jensen to be Installed.

The installation of the Rev. John H. Jensen as pastor of the German Reformed Church of East Broadway, Flatbush, L. I., will take place to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock. The Rev. Dr. George C. Selbert will preach the sermon, assisted by the Rev. Dr. F. E. Haussner, both of the Seminary. These members of the Reformed Classis will also take part. Dr. J. W. Brooks, Dr. C. L. Wells, and Rev. J. Weber. Examination and confirmation of the children will take place on Sunday, July 24. This church is in a prosperous condition and is steadily increasing in membership.

Knights of Pythias Field Day.

John Jenkins, Joseph Bickler, and Herman Leutkauser visited Plainfield in the early part of the week for the purpose of gathering information as to the cost of entertaining the Knights of Pythias on the occasion of their Field Day celebration. The committee found it possible to hold the celebration in this town, and at a special meeting of the uniformed division on Thursday it was decided to make application to the State officers to have the celebration in Bloomfield.

A Large Postal Business.

Postmaster Hayes's report for June showed an unusually large increase of business for this month. It was probably the largest financial return ever received by the Government from the Bloomfield office for one month's business.

With Other Worlds.

A Franklin Hill sage is a crank on the subject of astronomy. He is a firm believer in the idea that organic life in varied forms exists on the other planets that are a part of the same system as this earth. His theory is that organic life is of a higher order in planets nearer the sun than our own and of a retrograde order in those farther away from the sun. He does not believe that the theory which describes the sun as a gigantic mass of molten material emitting intense heat is correct. He regards the heat reflected from the sun as occasioned by causes yet undiscovered. He believes the sun to be inhabited, and by a race of beings several degrees nearer the angelic standard than those found on the globe.

This philosopher is at present very much agitated over the possible discovery of a method of communication with other worlds. The recent development of the electric light has suggested it to his mind. His brain is now occupied with a scheme which if successful will revolutionize science and theology. The twinkling of the stars demonstrates to him that the vibrations of motion are transmittable from one world to another. It will eventually be possible, he thinks, to produce an electric illumination sufficiently powerful that its effect in producing vibrations of the atmosphere will be discernible to the inhabitants of the planet Mars. In unfolding his views to confidential friends, this philosophic man has invariably met with this objection—allowing that it is possible to produce a light, the rays of which may attract the attention of the supposed inhabitants of the planet Mars, of what value would be in promoting communication between the planets?

To this it is replied that it is reasonable to assume that the same speculations respecting the other planets engage the philosophic minds of the learned men of Mars is at least the same degree as that subject is pondered over by the learned men of the earth. The astronomers of Mars would be as quick to notice any unusual phenomena in the heavens as our sky-gazers, and they would study it as closely. It would be possible to perform such variations with this great light, such as shaping different figures, that it would at once suggest itself to the men of Mars that it was being manipulated by human hands. It would not be very long before they would respond with counter-experiments which would soon result in the development of a code of planetary signals.

A Reception to Missionaries.

A most delightful and instructive entertainment was given to a company of thirty or forty ladies at the residence of the Rev. Dr. Phraner on Monday afternoon. There were talks on missionary work in Turkey and Syria by Mrs. Parsons and Miss Eddy, music, and refreshments, and the occasion will linger in the memory of those who were present.

Mrs. Parsons has spent forty-two years as a missionary in Turkey, and has been called the "Pioneer Missionary" in that country. She talked interestingly of the way missionary work is carried on in Turkey, of the progress that has been made there, of the customs and language of the people, etc. Mrs. Parsons is in this country for a visit, and will soon return to Turkey.

Miss Eddy is the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Eddy, a long-time missionary in Syria, and has just completed her education as a physician, and will shortly return to Syria to practice medicine there and do missionary work. Miss Eddy talked in an informal way of the missionary work among the Syrians, and told some interesting stories of her experiences.

Expense of the Outlet Sewer.

The first demand made by the city of Orange on either of the townships interested in it in the construction of the outlet sewer for any portion of the expense was on Monday night, when a bill was presented to the Montclair Township Committee, amounting to \$6,306.18 being that town's proportionate share of the expense of the work so far carried out. It is likely that a similar bill will be presented to the Committee of this town at a very early date.

Will Begin Work Soon.

A meeting of the General Executive Committee of the Bloomfield Evangelical Union was held on Monday night in the First Baptist Church. Reports from the several districts were received. At another meeting to be held shortly the district lines will be arranged and a supervisor for each district appointed.

His Hands Frozen.

Ice-cream makers frequently undergo the novel experience of having their hands frozen in midsummer. Caterer Abraham Day suffered from very sore hands during the past week, the result of having them badly frozen from handling bricks of cream.

Douglas's shoes at Shoenthal's—Advt.

PERSONAL JOTTINGS.

The Rev. C. C. Dawkins of Broad Street is at Ocean Grove.

Mrs. Theron W. Ackerman spent the week at Newburgh on the Hudson.

Mrs. W. B. Corby and daughters of Bloomfield Avenue are at Niagara Falls.

Richard Loesch of Woodland Avenue is spending his vacation in Gouldsburg, Pa.

Miss Annie Gregg of Passaic is the guest of Mrs. T. H. Butler of Franklin Street.

Miss Lydia Gekle of Spruce Street is spending a few weeks with friends at Port Morris.

Mrs. E. M. Healey and family of Montgomery Avenue are sojourning at Worcester, Mass.

Henry P. Dodd and George Oakes are in Union City, Mich., purchasing wool for T. Oakes & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Amzi Dodd left Bloomfield on Wednesday on an extended trip through the West.

Mrs. George H. Seymour and family are summering at Livingston Manor, Delaware County, N. Y.

Albert Chase of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. August Spatz of Passaic Avenue.

J. L. and Miss Annie I. Riker of Washington Avenue and J. Wilbur Cole spent the past week at Ocean Grove.

R. W. Gardner and family of Broad Street have gone to Twilight Park, Catskill mountains, for the season.

The Rev. Chas. A. Cook, pastor of the First Baptist Church, left last Wednesday on a month's vacation in Canada.

Thomas Cogan, formerly of Bloomfield, and for the past year a resident of Denver, Col., has moved to San Francisco.

The engagement is announced of Miss Minnie D. Gottschalk of Glenwood Avenue to Harry W. Waterbury of Thomas Street.

Mrs. J. H. Abbott of Spruce Street, who has just returned from Asbury Park, will spend two weeks at Washington, D. C.

Dr. F. E. Haussner and family of the Seminary have taken up their residence in Carlstadt, where they will remain until September.

The Rev. John H. Jensen and Miss Katie Hermann will be married in the German Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, August 3, at 6 P. M.

The engagement is announced of George W. Slater of Orange Street and Miss Ida Vreeland of Franklin. The wedding will take place in September.

A number of members of the German Presbyterian Church Sunday-school of Bloomfield attended the picnic of the Orange Valley German Sunday-school on Wednesday.

Alexander Steel of Norman Street, East Orange, a member of Bloomfield Council, Royal Arcanum, has been very ill during the past week, and is still confined to his home.

Cards have been issued for the marriage of Miss Maggie, daughter of John G. Keyler, to the Rev. Albert K. Staiger of Atlantic City, to take place at Mr. Keyler's residence next Wednesday.

The families of Mr. Kidder of Oakland Avenue and Mr. Teall of Liberty Street have hired a cottage in the Adirondacks, and started for there on Wednesday afternoon of this week, to be gone about two months.

A party composed of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Tower and family, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Smith and family and C. N. Parker, choir-master of Christ Episcopal Church, leave to-day for Point Pleasant, to remain two weeks.

A letter from Mrs. Amzi Dodd, President of the Mountaineers Hospital Association, was read at the last meeting of the Montclair Town Committee. The Committee was requested to state what they would be willing to pay for the care of pauper patients at the hospital.

Messrs. Coffman, Maier, and Frank brothers of Bloomfield the popular and well known musicians, will camp at Greenwood Lake next week, at Willow Point. John Janson of Montclair will also join the party. They leave here Saturday morning. The young men take brass and string instruments with them and a jolly time is anticipated.

A small and select company of friends were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Benedict of Linden Avenue last Tuesday evening. The entertainment was given in honor of Miss Florence Kellogg of Philadelphia, who left the next day for a visit in Asbury Park. With duets on the piano and violin by Mr. and Mrs. Tryon, soprano solos by Mrs. Frank H. Baker, games, and refreshments, a very pleasant evening was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. George Engert of Grove Street, Montclair, and a few friends enjoyed a visit last Friday evening from a few of the members of Messrs. Coffman and Frank's orchestra of Bloomfield. Prof. William Maier gave several brilliant and artistic violin solos during the evening. Prof. Geo. Lawrence presided at the piano. The orchestral selections were well rendered. It was a delightful impromptu musicale. Refreshments were served during the evening.